COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Elections and Civic Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 318, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

1	Page 2, line 13, delete "The statement".
2	Page 2, delete lines 14 through 16.
3	Page 2, line 17, delete "how party affiliation was determined.".
4	Page 2, between lines 29 and 30, begin a new line block indented
5	and insert:
6	"The declaration of candidacy must inform candidates how
7	party affiliation is determined under this subdivision and
8	permit the candidate to indicate on the declaration of
9	candidacy which of clauses (A), (B), or (C) applies to the
10	candidate. If a candidate claims party affiliation under clause
11	(C), the candidate must attach to the candidate's declaration
12	of candidacy the written certification of the county chairman
13	required by clause (C).".
14	Page 4, after line 23, begin a new paragraph and insert:
15	"SECTION 5. IC 3-11-10-26.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
16	CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
17	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 26.2. (a) A:
18	(1) county election board; or
19	(2) board of elections and registration;

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1 may adopt a resolution to authorize the circuit court clerk to use 2 an electronic voting system for voting by absentee ballot in the 3 office of the circuit court clerk. 4 (b) A resolution adopted under this section must be adopted by 5 the unanimous vote of the board's entire membership. (c) A resolution adopted under this section must provide 6 7 procedures to secure absentee votes cast on an electronic voting 8 system that provide protection comparable to the protection 9 provided to absentee votes cast by paper ballot. 10 (d) A resolution adopted under this section may contain other provisions the board considers useful. 11 12 (e) If a resolution is adopted under this section, the circuit court 13 clerk may use as many electronic voting machines for recording 14 absentee votes as the clerk considers necessary, subject to the 15 resolution adopted by the board. 16 (f) Notwithstanding any other law, an absentee ballot voted on 17 an electronic voting system under this section is not required to 18 bear the seal, signature, and initials prescribed by section 27 of this 19 chapter. 20 (g) If a resolution is adopted under this section, the procedure 21 for casting an absentee ballot on an electronic voting system must, 22 except as provided in this section, be substantially the same as the 23 procedure for casting an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit 24 court clerk under section 26 of this chapter.". 25 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

Lawson C Chairperson

(Reference is to SB 318 as introduced.)

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